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BONN PASS USPOLAD USAREUR 124.

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MOSCOW TEL 1128 TO DEPT, RPTD 124 BONN EXPRESSES VIEW SOVS
WOULD REFRAIN FROM ACTION THEY CONVINCED WOULD CAUSE US
TO USE FORCE. SINCE SOVS HAVE NOT YET PRODUCED THEIR DOCUMENT
RE BERLIN SOVS MIGHT NOT RPT NOT HAVE AS YET NECESSARILY
MADE IRREVOCABLE DECISION TURN OVER ACCESS CONTROLS TO GER
AUTHORITIES. HENCE ABSOLUTE IMPORTANCE ALLIES NOW SHOW SOVS
OUR POSITION ABSOLUTELY FIRM, IF POSSIBLE PRIOR ISSUANCE
SOV DOCUMENT RE BERLIN. SOVS HAD APPARENTLY LEFT THEMSELVES
WAY OUT TO SAVE FACE BY TAKING SOME ACTION IN IMPLEMENTATION
THREATS WITHOUT FORCING SHOWDOWN.

AS STATED OUR TEL 352 TO DEPT, 305 BONN, SOVS COULD WITHDRAW
FORMALLY FROM BERLIN BY CLOSING DOWN KARLSHORST WITHOUT TURNING
OVER CONTROL ACCESS CHECKPOINTS. ALTHOUGH SOVS CURRENTLY
EXERCISE THESE FUNCTIONS IN PRACTICE FROM KARLSHORST EAST
BERLIN HEADQUARTERS, AUTHORITY IS VESTED IN SOV COMMANDER
EAST GERMANY UNDER BOLZ-ZORIN AGREEMENT SEPT 1955.

ALSO LANGUAGE ORIGINAL KHRUSHCHEV SPEECH NOV 10 ALTHOUGH
SPECIFIC IN DETAIL WAS CONDITIONAL IN GENERAL. TENOR AND
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NEVER DIRECTLY MENTIONED ACCESS, THIS INTERPRETATION WAS SUPPORTED BY EAST GERMAN "DAMPING DOWN" FOLLOWING THE SPEECH (OURTEL 285 TO BONN, 332 TO DEPT) AND SUGGESTED SOVS INTENDED PROPOSAL AS BASIS NEGOTIATIONS CONFERENCE DEALING WITH BERLIN WITHIN ALL GERMAN SOLUTION. EAST GERMAN PUBLIC STATEMENTS ALL THIS WEEK HAVE CONTINUED EMPHASIZE THIS THEME.

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